

BEFORE THE PRESIDING DISCIPLINARY JUDGE

IN THE MATTER OF A MEMBER OF
THE STATE BAR OF ARIZONA,

BRET O. WHIPPLE,
Bar No. 017082

Respondent.

PDJ-2017-9031

**FINAL JUDGMENT AND
ORDER**

FILED APRIL 24, 2017

On March 13, 2017, the Office of the Presiding Disciplinary Judge (PDJ) sent a notice and a certified copy of the December 21, 2016 Order Approving Conditional Guilty Plea Agreement issued by the Supreme Court of Nevada to Mr. Whipple's address of record pursuant to Rules 54(h) and 57(b), Ariz. R. Sup. Ct.

Rule 57(b)(3), Ariz. R. Sup. Ct. provides that the PDJ shall impose the identical or substantially similar discipline, unless the respondent can demonstrate an exception by a preponderance of the evidence.

The Supreme Court of Nevada imposed a ninety (90) day suspension with the execution of the suspension stayed for eighteen months and imposed additional terms and conditions involving the payment of restitution and obtaining continuing legal education.

No notice of claim or exception has been filed by either Mr. Whipple or the State Bar asserting that reciprocal discipline is unwarranted.

Now therefore,

IT IS ORDERED imposing the reciprocal discipline of a ninety (90) day suspension (stayed for eighteen months), which will be reduced to reprimand if no additional misconduct occurs during the period of stay, pursuant to Rule 57(b)(3), Ariz. R. Sup. Ct.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED imposing additional conditions of restitution (\$1,500.00 to his client) and complete four (4) hours of continuing legal education in the area of legal staff management as set forth in the Supreme Court of Nevada's Order Approving Conditional Guilty Pleas Agreement filed December 21, 2016.

DATED this 24th day of April, 2017.

William J. O'Neil
William J. O'Neil Presiding Disciplinary Judge

Copy of the foregoing was mailed/e-mailed
this 24th day of April, 2017, to:

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